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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

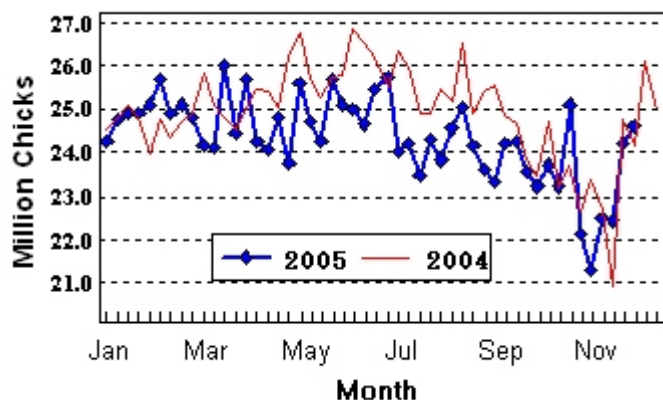
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.6 million during the week ending December 10, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from both the comparable week in 2004, and also from the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through December 10, 2005 were 1.22 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.5 million, down fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

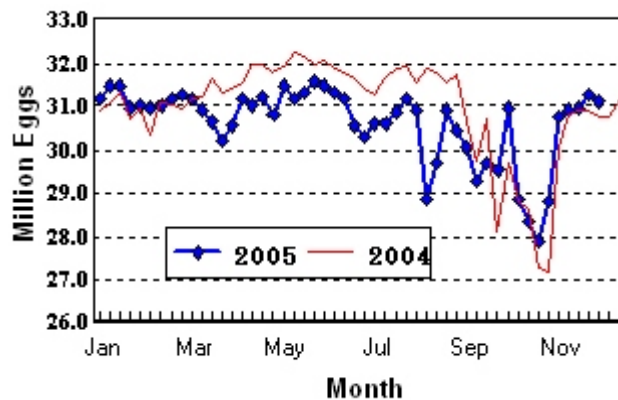
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 10, 2005, up 1 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Nov. 5	22,634	22,153	98	23,869	23,994	101	27,142	28,826	106
Nov. 12	23,357	21,300	91	23,693	23,467	99	30,052	30,760	102
Nov. 19	22,691	22,501	99	22,636	23,205	103	30,824	30,903	100
Nov. 26	20,983	22,459	107	22,520	23,880	106	30,922	30,960	100
Dec. 3	24,740	24,197	98	24,837	25,421	102	30,902	31,284	101
Dec. 10	24,158	24,594	102	25,622	25,541	100	30,746	31,147	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	10-Dec		05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	10-Dec	
Alabama	31,215 *	31,535	31,711	31,525	108	20,125	20,224	19,606	20,419	21,090	21,533	96
ARKANSAS	30,903 *	30,960	31,284	31,147	101	22,153	21,300	22,501	22,459	24,197 *	24,594	102
Delaware	3,797	3,995	4,017	4,047	105	4,912	5,960	4,697	5,897	5,068	5,750	101
Florida	1,364	1,364	1,374	1,364	102	1,646	1,542	1,640	1,644	1,719	1,573	109
Georgia	32,511	34,393	33,839	34,019	101	25,791	25,770	24,600	26,195	26,756	27,776	112
Kentucky	6,853	6,973	6,599	7,123	101	5,393	4,998	5,563	5,834 *	5,749 *	5,856	96
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	104	3,920	3,694	3,852	3,507	4,235	3,828	94
Maryland	8,787	8,952	8,885	8,889	101	5,933	4,781	5,443	5,148	5,456	5,192	108
Mississippi	18,659 *	18,484	18,704	18,661	98	14,936	16,223	14,960	16,395	15,850	16,707	96
N. Carolina	18,409	18,918	17,807	18,456	106	14,433	14,798	14,999	14,144	14,963	15,180	104
Oklahoma	6,676	6,679	6,675 *	6,636	104	5,542	5,396	4,539	4,942	5,101 *	5,181	93
Pennsylvania	4,285	4,008	4,036 *	4,200	99	3,036	2,767	2,911	3,021	3,023 *	3,007	101
S. Carolina	4,658	5,060	5,097	5,089	110	4,243	4,273	4,085	4,509	3,865	3,114	82
Texas	15,180 *	14,914 *	15,159 *	15,160	101	12,355 *	11,140 *	11,521 *	12,759 *	12,610 *	12,840	104
Virginia	6,377	6,388	6,378	6,393	100	4,859	4,976	5,083	5,173	5,342	4,946	96
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,121	18,043	17,687 *	17,024	94	16,013	17,199	17,427	17,071	16,690 *	16,504	103
Total 2005	211,931 *	214,802 *	213,388 *	213,869		165,290 *	165,041 *	163,427 *	169,117 *	171,714 *	173,581	
Total 2004	208,330	210,096	208,114	209,584		161,494	161,853	162,518	165,545	170,790	171,447	
%Prev. Year	102	102	103	102		102	102	101	102	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 10, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 10, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 10, 2005 were 8.52 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.